GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POST GODHRA VIOLENCE
Mistry Shri Madhusudan Devram

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat is reluctant to give compensation to the victims of 2002 violence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NHRC has asked the State Government to pay the interim relief of Rs. One lakh immediately to the family of deceased and submit compliance report;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken by NHRC in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The State Government of Gujarat has informed that an expenditure of Rs. 17.50 crores has been incurred for grant of death relief to the kin of 1168 victims who lost their lives during the 2002 communal violence in Gujarat. Further, an amount of Rs. 2.21 crores was spent for grant of injury assistance in 2,548 cases. The State Government has also spent Rs. 184.73 crores towards other relief/ rehabilitation measures like restoration of household kits, housing, earning assets, assistant for small/large business, foodgrains distribution, rehabilitation of women and children, Widow Homes, health and sanitation, etc.

(c) to (e): The National Human Rights Commission had, through its proceedings dated 1.4.2002, recommended that adequate compensation should be provided to those who have suffered during the riots. The State Government had sent their report to the Commission containing details of ex-gratia assistance extended to the dead, injured and damages for the victims of the riots.